MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has an attempt been made, in the face of the Government order, to minimise over-time work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Every attempt has been made to minimise over-time work. But the work has been steadily growing in volume.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Why did they not appoint at least temporary hands to cope with the increased volume of work? Do the Government intend doing so at least hereafter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Any increase in the number of hands cannot go to minimise the quantity of work that has got to be done.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will not an addition to the staff minimise the work for each individual?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In the light of that fact, will the Government consider the question of appointing more hands, at least for the period when there is additional work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the member be pleased to say whether, at any time when there was heavy work, the Superintendent, Government Press, went in for outside compositors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the heavy increase of work during the preparation of the Electoral Rolls is being handled entirely by the Government Press itself?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No; private presses are also given some work.

Government Press.

121. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that great discontent prevails among the employees of the Government Press?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government received any memorials from the employees to the Government Press stating that they are being over-worked?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government gone through them?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) Do the Government think that the memorialists have a genuine grievance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether there is any rule empowering the Superintendent of the Government Press to collect subscriptions from his subordinates for things for which they have little fascination and in which they have no interest?

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PRESIDENT: That does not arise as a supplementary question now.

Over-time allowances in the Government Press.

122. ✻**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of compositors in the Government Press in 1104 and in 1110;

(*b*) the number of proof-readers and examiners in 1104 and in 1110;

(*c*) whether the number of proof-readers and examiners has been increased with the increase in the number of compositors;

(*d*) whether the same principle is followed in granting over-time allowances to compositors, proof-readers and examiners and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 114 in Karkatakam 1104, and 129 in Karkatakam 1110.

(*b*) Eleven examiners including the Head Examiner and eleven proof-readers both in 1104 and 1110.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Compositors, who belong to the piece-work staff, are not entitled to any over-time allowance. The proof-readers and examiners are given from 1-7-1108 fixed local allowance in lieu of over-time they are getting.

(*e*) The change was made with a view to reduce expenditure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the numbers, 114 and 129 given in part (*a*) of the answer, represent the number of permanent compositors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No; there are only 99 permanent compositors in the Government Press.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In 1104?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): All along, there has been only 99 permanent compositors in the Government Press.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does not the member think that an increase in the number of compositors will necessitate an increase in the number of examiners and proof-readers also?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know why a proportionate increase was not made in the number of examiners and proof-readers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent, Government Press, considered that it would be enough if the additional work was distributed among the existing hands, they being paid over-time allowance for such extra work.

Bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

123. ✻**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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